Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mary Helen Bisson has served the citizens of South Dakota as a state employee since 1972; and,

Whereas, Mary proved she could walk, talk, chew gum, think, work and have fun at the same time while at the Legislative Research Council, Bureau of Administration, Bureau of Information and Telecommunications and for the Attorney General and Governor of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Mary was an invaluable resource to her colleagues at each job she held because of her extraordinary command of the English language; and,

Whereas, Mary worked tremendously hard throughout her career, except when she played extremely hard on St. Patrick's Day and suffered like an Irish saint the day after; and,

Whereas, Mary's dedication, hard work and attention to detail meant that no haystack was too large for her to not find the missing needle; and,

Whereas, Mary's commitment to family, friends and community have enriched our lives and helped make South Dakota a great state in which to live and work, and nothing exemplifies her valued loyalty more than her often heartbreaking love of the Chicago Bears; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement on September 8, 2006, and to congratulate her as colleagues, family and friends gather on August 30, 2006, to celebrate this milestone in her life:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with her co-workers, family, and friends in wishing her a long, healthy, peaceful and enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State